

***Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 8354, to establish the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

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***Senator Alexander Piano Performance:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 801, authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for a piano performance by Senator Lamar Alexander.

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***Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act:*** Senate passed S. 3152, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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***Protecting Families of Fallen Servicemembers Act:*** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4356, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to allow certain individuals to terminate contracts for telephone, multichannel video programming, or internet access service, and the bill was then passed.

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***Cannabidiol and Marihuana Research Expansion Act:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2032, to expand research on the cannabidiol and marihuana, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Sasse (for Feinstein/Grassley) Amendment No. 2708, in the nature of a substitute.

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***Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith Congressional Gold Medal:*** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2054, to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Sasse (for Markey) Amendment No. 2692, in the nature of a substitute.

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***STOP FGM Act:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6100, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the criminalization of female genital mutilation, and the bill was then passed.

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***Crytzer Nomination—Agreement:*** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 267), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 16, 2020; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

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***Nominations Confirmed:*** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 266), Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

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Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus.

Jonathan Pratt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

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***Executive Communications:***

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***Amendments Submitted:***

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***Authorities for Committees to Meet:***

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***Record Votes:*** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—267)

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***Adjournment:*** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7509.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DOD CYBER OPERATIONS

***Committee on Armed Services:*** Subcommittee on Cybersecurity received a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations from Thomas C. Wingfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber Policy, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, Jeffrey R. Jones, Vice Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers/Cyber, Joint Staff, J–6, Katherine E. Arrington, Chief Information Security Officer for the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, and Rear Admiral Jeffrey Czerewko, USN, Deputy

Director, Global Operations, J39, J3, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 999 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

## COVID-19 AND LIVE EVENT ENTERTAINMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine the impact of COVID-19 on the live event entertainment industry, after receiving testimony from David Fay, The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, Rocky Hill, Connecticut; Adam Hartke, Wave and The Cottillion, Wichita, Kansas; Ron Laffitte, Patriot Management, Beverly Hills, California; Peter J. Pantuso, American Bus Association, Washington, D.C.; and Michael T. Strickland, Bandit Lites, Knoxville, Tennessee.

## EXPANDING AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine expanding American entrepreneurship outside traditional hubs, after receiving testimony from Jan Garfinkle, Arboretum Ventures, Ann Arbor, Michigan; David Hall, Revolution's Rise of the Rest Seed Fund, Washington, D.C.; Raymond Hespen, Property Meld, Rapid City, South Dakota; and Dawn Lippert, Elemental Excelsior, Honolulu, Hawaii.

## CURBING ONLINE PIRACY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine the role of private agreements and existing technology in curbing online piracy, after receiving testimony from Probir Mehta, Facebook, Mitch Glazier, Recording Industry Association of America, Joshua S. Lamel, Re:Create, Katherine Oyama, YouTube, and Keith Kupferschmid, Copyright Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.; and Ruth Vitale, CreativeFuture, Noah S. Becker, Adrev, and Dean S. Marks, Coalition for Online Accountability, all of Los Angeles, California.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 8976–8973; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 105; H. Res. 1263–1265, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3436, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove cost-sharing responsibilities for chronic care management services under the Medicare program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–646, Part 1);

H.R. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–647);

H.R. 3977, to amend the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 to extend the jurisdiction of tribal courts to cover crimes involving sexual violence, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–648);

H.R. 4444, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a

pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–649);

H.R. 7099, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Coconino National Forest land in the State of Arizona, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–650);

H.R. 6535, to deem an urban Indian organization and employees thereof to be a part of the Public Health Service for the purposes of certain claims for personal injury, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–651, Part 1);

H.R. 4840, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–652);

H.R. 5330, to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide a timetable for verification of medical debt and to increase the efficiency of credit markets with more perfect information, to prohibit consumer reporting agencies from issuing consumer reports containing information about debts related to medically necessary procedure, about and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–653); and